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The U.S. counterpart patent (U.S. Patent No. 3,677,107) of Japanese Patent No. 48-12500 is submitted herewith. An English-language abstract summarizing the disclosures of the Japanese-language TEISAN Ltd. publication dated June 1982 is also submitted herewith.

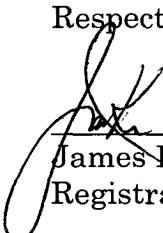
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initial		Document Number	Date	Name	Class	Sub-Class	Filing Date (if appropriate)
	AA	3,657,973	04/1972	Wahrenberger			
	AB	3,677,107	07/1972	Strelbel, et al.			
	AC	3,801,167	04/1974	Strelbel			
	AD	3,510,233	05/1970	Strelbel et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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							Yes No
	AK	1,312,843	04/1973	United Kingdom			English
	AL	48-12500	04/1973	Japan			Equivalent of US 3,677,107
	AM						
	AN						
	AO						
	AP						

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)							
	AQ	"Diaphragm Compressor" issued by TEISAN Ltd., June 1982, with English abstract and figure.					
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